

Application Serial No.: 09/926,636
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A cab for a construction machine, being mounted on an upper rotary body of said construction machine along with a working mechanism and providing an operating room within an enclosure comprising a first side frame structure containing a door to be opened and closed by an operator, a second side frame structure located on the side of said working mechanism, a front section provided between front ends of said first and second side frame structures and substantially entirely occupied by a front window, a roof section, and a rear section, wherein said cab comprises:

a cross beam member bridged between upper front corners of said first and second side frame structures in such a way as to form a boundary between said front window and a top window in said roof section to ensure maximum visibility in an obliquely upward direction through said front and top windows; and

a reinforcing beam member of a rod-like metal pipe and of an annular shape in cross section, said reinforcing member being provided between said first and second side frame structures and ~~in front~~ on the outer side of and in parallel relation with said cross beam member, said reinforcing beam member being located in an obliquely upwardly projected position relative to said cross beam member to be seen at least in a partly overlapped relation with said cross beam member when viewed by an operator in said cab.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

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5. (Previously Presented) A cab for a construction machine as defined in claim 1, wherein said reinforcing beam member is bridged between brackets securely fixed to a front side of foremost pillars of said first and second side frame structures.

6. (Previously Presented) A cab for a construction machine as defined in claim 1, wherein said reinforcing beam member is bridged between brackets securely fixed to a lateral side of foremost pillars of said first and second side frame structures.

7. (Previously Presented) A cab for a construction machine as defined in claim 1, wherein said reinforcing beam member is adapted to mount thereon an accessory of said construction machine.

8. (Original) A cab for a construction machine as defined in claim 7, wherein said accessory is a lighting lamp assembly.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A cab for a construction machine as defined in claim 1, wherein said reinforcing beam member has a foaming synthetic resin material filled in an internal cavity thereof.